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SUBJECT: RED:ECAFE:AMERICAN ECAFE/UNIDO CANDIDATE GETS RUNAROUND

REF: ROCKE/GRIBBLE CORRESPONDENCE MAY 23 AND JUNE 19

- 1. DONALD R. REDDEN, CANDIDATE FOR UNIDO/ECAFE REGIONAL ADVISOR FOR "INDUSTRIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES", STILL HAS NOT LEARNED WHAT THE STATUS OF HIS CANDIDACY IS. HIS PRESENT TWO YEAR UNIDO CONTRACT AS INDUSTRIAL ADVISOR IN THAILAND TERMINATED IN JUNE BUT WAS EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 23.
- 2. THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE REDDEN LEARNED TWO MONTHS AGO THAT HE WAS ONE OF THREE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO BE PROPOSED BY UNIDO. (GRIBBLE JUNE 19 LETTER CONFIRMED THIS.) OTHER TWO CANDIDATES ARE FROM SRI LANKA AND VIET NAM. HOWEVER, THESE NAMES NEVER CAME FORWARD DESPITE SEVERAL CABLE REQUESTS FROM ECAFE ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF ROY SMITH. THIS LIST OF CANDIDATES ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN AWAITING CONCURRENCE FROM UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ABDEL-RAHMAN, WHO HAS BEEN TRAVELING THESE PAST WEEKS.
- 3. REDDEN HAS BEEN ACTIVELY SEEKING THIS ADVISOR POSITION SINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAST FEBRUARY AND NOW MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO PREPARE TO SHIP

OUT AND SELL CAR AND APPLIANCES OR TO REMAIN FOR UNIDO/ECAFE CONTRACT. HE IS ANNOYED AND FRUSTRATED OVER UNUSUAL DELAY IN ECAFE MAKING DECISION ON HIS CASE.

- 4. REDDEN HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRAISED BY THAI INDUSTRY MINISTRY FOR HIS REPORTS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SOUTHERN THAILAND AND HIS CANDIDACY FOR NEW JOB WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED. WE HAVE PUSHED HIS CANDIDACY HARD IN ECAFE, BUT THE BOTTLENECT HAS BEEN THE LACK OF RESPONSE FROM UNIDO.
- 5. WE HAVE LEARNED INDIRECTLY THAT UNIDO VIENNA HAS JUST WIRED ECAFE CONFIDENTIALLY TO PROPOSE A NEW PAKISTANI CANDIDATE FOR INDUSTRY ADVISOR POSITION. ROY SMITH IS CHECKING OUT HIS CREDENTIALS. THE PROSPECTIVE LIST OF THREE CANDIDATES FROM UNIDO HAS NEVER APPEARED. REDDEN'S CHANCES APPEAR TO BE FADING FAST.
- 6. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, REQUEST US MISSION UNIDO TO AGAIN LOOK INTO REDDEN'S STATUS, TO INDICATE OUR AWARENESS OF THE MONKEY BUSINESS THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH A WELL QUALIFIED AMERICAN CANDIDATE.....AND OBJECT STRONGLY. KINTNER

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